

Claim # 56 Soda Hawks

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Under Article H. Treaty of 11th June 1806.
with Creek Indians.

The undersigned, Soda Hawkins, aged 55, Freedman of the Creek Nation, and loyal Refugee, a widower with minor children: being duly examined and sworn, (he understanding and conversing in the English language:) deposes and says: Whilst he was living on his place, with his family, at Post Oak, in the Creek Nation, and sometime in the month of August 1863, he was driven from his home by the Rebels under General Cooper, and fled away to escape capture, and joined the Union Army, and reached the North under its protection. That after his escape, his wife and children were seized and carried South by their master, La Fayette Marshall, where she remained during the war, and died soon afterwards. This deponent further says: that at the time of his escape from the Rebels, as aforesaid, he was peacefully pursuing his trade as a Carpenter, and had to leave behind, and abandon all his tools, as well as his stock and other farm and household property - as set down below, and that he has never since recovered the same, or any part thereof: to say:

1.	One Set of Carpenters Tools.	valued at.	\$ 73.00
6.	Six Horses	\$ 90.00 \$ 80.00 \$ 70.00	450.00
1.	One Yoke of Steers	" "	50.00
12	Twelve full grown Hogs.	@ \$ 10. each	120.00
Amount carried forward			\$ 693.00

Amount brought forward, \$693.00
 7 Seven Stick Hogs. at \$5. each 35.00
 1. One Saddle & Bridle " 20.00
 Lot. House Furniture, Bed, Bedding &c. 33.00
 Lot. Agricultural Implements & Tools. 14.00
 Cash, money in gold & silver coin \$100. ~~100.00~~

This item of \$100. in
 money not received
 in claim, or consid-
 ered in testimony

Making a total value of ~~893.00~~
~~\$893.00~~
 Seven
 Eight hundred and ninety five dollars. Further
 this deponent saith not. —

Soda Hawkins. his
 mark
 Subscribed and sworn to before me, at the Creek
 Agency, Ok., this 9th day of November A.D. 1869.

[Signature]
 K. B. Oct. 29. Asst Supt. Ind. Affrs.
 South & Supter.

The undersigned, Tom Sanders and Davis
 Dickson, Freedmen of the Creek Nation, & loyal Refugees,
 being duly (jointly) examined and sworn, (they under-
 standing and conversing in the English language,) do
 depose and say: They are not interested in the claim
 of Soda Hawkins in any pecuniary manner whatever;
 that they have heard the foregoing affidavit read to them and
 know its contents, and that the same is correct and true in
 all its circumstantial points. The said witness Sanders
 says, for himself, that of his own knowledge the claim-
 ant did own and possess, and did abandon and lose
 all the foregoing, with exception of the six horses, whereof
 he has no personal knowledge. — The witness Dickson,

for himself, testifies that he has a personal knowledge of the Claimant being at the time, and of his abandoning ~~and~~ the six horses specified in the Claimant's deposition. And these Deponents further say, that ^{they} were near neighbors of, and knew about the property affairs of the said Soda Hawkins, at the time of his flight. Further these Deponents do not say.

Tom Sanders,

his

Lewis Dickson,

his mark

mark.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, at the Creek Agency, on this 9th day of November, A.D. 1869.

J. P. O'Connell,
H. D. O. J. M. A. M.,
Asst. Supt. Ind. Affairs
South. Supt. Ind.

Award.

The loss of property specified above is deemed established by the foregoing testimony, also the status of claimant. The amount claimed, however, is, in some instances, considered excessive. Upon inquiry, it is found, the values of the different kinds of property at the time the loss occurred, ruled as follows:

Horses,	\$15.00 Each.
Steers - Yokes of.	30.00 "

Hogs (grown),

\$2.00 Each. -

Hogs - Stock:-

2.00

Saddles & bridles,

5.00

and for the following, one-half the claimed value:-

Carpenter's Tools,

\$36.50

House furniture, beds, bedding &c. 16.50

Agricultural Implements, tools, &c. - 7.00

Cash (Money) No award - no evidence

substantiating the claim:-

In consideration of these, and all other facts attainable, bearing upon the case, we believe it just and equitable to award this claimant, Soda Hawkins Two hundred and twenty three dollars:-

\$223 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

W. A. May

Brevet Major General U. S. Army,
Supt. Indian Affairs, Southern Superintending

G. A. Smith

Captain U. S. Army
Forest Agent.